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This paper describes our experiences, from a software perspective, with the OSIRIS network adaptor. It first identifies the problems we encountered while programming OSIRIS and optimizing network performance, and outlines how we either addressed them in the software, or had to modify the hardware. It then describes the opportunities provided by OSIRIS that we were able to exploit in the host operating system (OS); opportunities that suggested techniques for making the OS more effective in d ...

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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poet, an event tracer developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

3 [The measured performance of personal computer operating systems](#)



J. B. Chen, Y. Endo, K. Chan, D. Mazieres, A. Dias, M. Seltzer, M. D. Smith

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7 VM-based shared memory on low-latency, remote-memory-access networks



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Recent technological advances have produced network interfaces that provide users with very low-latency access to the memory of remote machines. We examine the impact of such networks on the implementation and performance of software DSM. Specifically, we compare two DSM systems---Cashmere and TreadMarks---on a 32-processor DEC Alpha cluster connected by a Memory Channel network. Both Cashmere and TreadMarks use virtual memory to maintain coherence on pages, and both use lazy, multi-writer releas ...

8 The measured performance of personal computer operating systems



J. Bradley Chen, Yasuhiro Endo, Kee Chan, David Mazières, Antonio Dias, Margo Seltzer, Michael D. Smith

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This article presents a comparative study of the performance of three operating systems that run on the personal computer architecture derived from the IBM-PC. The operating systems, Windows for Workgroups, Windows NT, and NetBSD (a freely available variant of the UNIX operating system), cover a broad range of system functionality and user requirements, from a single-address-space model to full protection with preemptive multitasking. Our measurements are enable by hardware counters in Inte ...

Keywords: Microsoft Windows, operating systems performance measurement, operating systems structure, personal computers

9 The impact of a zero-scan Internet checksumming mechanism



Gregory G. Finn, Steve Hotz, Rod Van Meter

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This paper describes a "zero-scan" mechanism that reduces Internet checksumming overhead from a per-byte scan (or copy) cost, to a small and constant per-message cost. Unlike previous techniques, this mechanism requires no message buffering within the source. This will allow Internet transport protocols to achieve transfer latencies comparable to specialized protocols implemented directly on high-speed LAN (link-layer) services. In addition, this mechanism is transparent to systems outside of th ...

10 Architecture of the IBM system/370



Richard P. Case, Andris Padegs

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This paper discusses the design considerations for the architectural extensions that distinguish System/370 from System/360. It comments on some experiences with the original objectives for System/360 and on the efforts to achieve them, and it describes the reasons and objectives for extending the architecture. It covers virtual storage, program control, data-manipulation instructions, timing facilities, multiprocessing, debugging and monitoring, error handling, and input/output operations. ...

Keywords: architecture, computer systems, error handling, instruction sets, virtual storage

11 Design choices in the SHRIMP system: an empirical study



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The SHRIMP cluster-computing system has progressed to a point of relative maturity; a variety of applications are running on a 16-node system. We have enough experience to understand what we did right and wrong in designing and building the system. In this paper we discuss some of the lessons we learned about computer architecture, and about the challenges involved in building a significant working system in an academic research environment. We evaluate significant design choices by modifying th ...

12 Performance prediction of a parallel simulator

Jason Liu, David Nicol, Brian J. Premore, Anna L. Poplawski

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There are at least three major obstacles thwarting wide-spread adoption of parallel discrete-event simulation (a) lack of need, (b) lack of tools, (c) lack of predictability in behavior and performance. The plain truth is that most simulation studies can be adequately done on

ordinary serial computers. Parallel simulation tools are products of re-search efforts, and simply don't stand up to the demands of modern software engineering. The results of 20 years of research in parallel simulation rev ...

13 Compilation: Vectorizing for a SIMdD DSP architecture



Dorit Naishlos, Marina Biberstein, Shay Ben-David, Ayal Zaks

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The Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) model for finegrained parallelism was recently extended to support SIMD operations on disjoint vector elements. In this paper we demonstrate how SIMdD (SIMD on disjoint data) supports effective vectorization of digital signal processing (DSP) benchmarks, by facilitating data reorganization and reuse. In particular we show that this model can be adopted by a compiler to achieve nearoptimal performance for important classes of kernels.

Keywords: SIMD, compiler controlled cache, data reuse, rotating register file, subword parallelism, vectorization, viterbi

14 Learning not to share

Jason Liu, David Nicol

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Strong reasons exist for executing a large-scale discrete-event simulation on a cluster of processor nodes (each of which may be a shared-memory multiprocessor or a uniprocessor). This is the architecture of the largest scale parallel machines, and so the largest simulation problems can only be solved this way. It is a common architecture even in less esoteric settings, and is suitable for memory-bound simulations. This paper describes our approach to porting the SSF simulation kernel to t ...

15 Mondrian memory protection



Emmett Witchel, Josh Cates, Krste Asanović

October 2002 **ACM SIGPLAN Notices , ACM SIGARCH Computer Architecture News , ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review , Proceedings of the 10th international conference on Architectural support for programming languages and operating systems ASPLOS-X**, Volume 37 , 30 , 36 Issue 10 , 5 , 5

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Mondrian memory protection (MMP) is a fine-grained protection scheme that allows multiple protection domains to flexibly share memory and export protected services. In contrast to earlier page-based systems, MMP allows arbitrary permissions control at the granularity of individual words. We use a compressed permissions table to reduce space overheads and employ two levels of permissions caching to reduce run-time overheads. The protection tables in our implementation add less than 9% overhead to ...

16 Avoidance and suppression of compensation code in a trace scheduling compiler



Stefan M. Freudenberger, Thomas R. Gross, P. Geoffrey Lowney

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Trace scheduling is an optimization technique that selects a sequence of basic blocks as a trace and schedules the operations from the trace together. If an operation is moved across basic block boundaries, one or more compensation copies may be required in the off-trace code. This article discusses the generation of compensation code in a trace scheduling compiler and presents techniques for limiting the amount of compensation code: avoidance (restricting code motion so that no compensatio ...

Keywords: SPEC89, instruction-level parallelism, performance evaluation, trace scheduling

17 [Software support for outboard buffering and checksumming](#)



Karl Kleinpaste, Peter Steenkiste, Brian Zill

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Data copying and checksumming are the most expensive operations when doing high-bandwidth network IO over a high-speed network. Under some conditions, outboard buffering and checksumming can eliminate accesses to the data, thus making communication less expensive and faster. One of the scenarios in which outboard buffering pays off is the common case of applications accessing the network using the Berkeley sockets interface and the Internet protocol stack. In this paper we describe the changes t ...

18 [Reviewed articles: Measuring the evolution of transport protocols in the internet](#)



Alberto Medina, Mark Allman, Sally Floyd

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In this paper we explore the evolution of both the Internet's most heavily used transport protocol, TCP, and the current network environment with respect to how the network's evolution ultimately impacts end-to-end protocols. The traditional end-to-end assumptions about the Internet are increasingly challenged by the introduction of intermediary network elements (middleboxes) that intentionally or unintentionally prevent or alter the behavior of end-to-end communications. This paper provides mea ...

Keywords: Internet, TCP, evolution, middleboxes

19 [Towards a theory of cache-efficient algorithms](#)



Sandeep Sen, Siddhartha Chatterjee, Neeraj Dumir

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We present a model that enables us to analyze the running time of an algorithm on a computer with a memory hierarchy with limited associativity, in terms of various cache parameters. Our cache model, an extension of Aggarwal and Vitter's I/O model, enables us to establish useful relationships between the cache complexity and the I/O complexity of computations. As a corollary, we obtain cache-efficient algorithms in the single-level cache model for fundamental problems like sorting, FFT, and an i ...

Keywords: Hierarchical memory, I/O complexity, lower bound

20 Novel approaches: High-speed I/O: the operating system as a signalling mechanism



Matthew Burnside, Angelos D. Keromytis

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The design of modern operating systems is based around the concept of memory as a cache for data that flows between applications, storage, and I/O devices. With the increasing disparity between I/O bandwidth and CPU performance, this architecture exposes the processor and memory subsystems as the bottlenecks to system performance. Furthermore, this design does not easily lend itself to exploitation of new capabilities in peripheral devices, such as programmable network cards or special-purpose h ...

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